

copy of all pending claims, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, may also be found in Appendix 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Please add new claim 37, as shown in the "clean" copy of all pending claims found in Appendix 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.

**REMARKS**

The Specification has been amended at page 1, lines 1-7, to replace the existing paragraph describing claims to priority with a new, updated paragraph. A "clean" copy of the replacement paragraph is found in Appendix 1. The Specification has been amended to insert a claim to priority to the parent application of this Divisional application.

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9, and 34-36 have been canceled, and claims 2, 5, and 8 have been amended. A "markup" copy of the amended claims is found in Appendix 2. New claim 37 has been added. A "clean" copy of all pending claims, including the amended and new claims, is found in Appendix 3.

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 2, 5, 8, 10-33, and 37 are pending in the application. The amendments do not introduce new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132. Canceled claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9, and 34-36 were allowed, as amended, in U.S. Patent Application No. 08/485,161. Claims 2, 5, and 8 have been amended to make claim 2 independent and adjust claim dependency

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accordingly. New claim 37 has been added to specifically cover a preferred embodiment. Basis for the amendments is found at page 8, line 23 to page 25, line 25; in claims 2, 5, 8, 10-33 as originally filed; and elsewhere throughout the specification and claims. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendments before examination.

The Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned attorney if (s)he has any questions or comments.

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